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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Nancy D. HANSON et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
Serial No.: 09/814,257) Examiner: Frank Lu
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For: PRIMERS FOR USE IN DETECTING BETA-LACTAMASES

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5/15/2003AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed 10 September 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 17, 43, 49, and 51, cancel claims 45 and 46, and add new claims 52-53. The new and amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

17. (AMENDED) A method for identifying a beta-lactamase in a clinical sample, the method comprising: